

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. By this Response, claims 1, 11 and 15 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance based on the above amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim Objection

The Office Action objects to the claims as being presented without claim status indicators. Applicants respectfully submit that applicants previous response dated January 21, 2005 did not include any amendments to the claims and thus the claims were not included in the Response. Thus, applicants are unclear as to what claim set the Office Action is referring. In any event, the objection should be withdrawn as the present response includes the claims with correct status identifiers.

Prior Art Rejections

The Office Action rejections claims 1-9, 11, 13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Siddiqui, et al. (US 6,292,666) in view of Sykas, et al. (0-8186-7852-6/97, 1997 IEEE); claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Siddiqui in view of Sykas and Halminen (US 6,477,378); and claims 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §1039(a) as being unpatentable over Siddiqui in view Sykas in view of Kimoto, et al. (US 6,115,611). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Office Action alleges that the combination of Siddiqui and Sykas provide the features of applicants' claims 1 and 11-15. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Siddiqui teaches a communication system that determines the position of a mobile station including the identification of the country the mobile station is located using GPS technology. This information can be provided to the mobile station user via the mobile station itself. This information allows the user to determine which prefix should be used based on the location of the mobile station. See column 4, lines 29 through 65 to column 5, lines 1-60. Siddiqui, however, does not teach or suggest a memory having previously stored therein information of a plurality of domains and radio communication system information corresponding to said plurality of domains; and a selection unit for selecting a radio communication system corresponding to a domain from the plurality of domains to which the current position belongs on the basis of said current position detected by said position detector, said domain information stored in said memory and the radio communication system information corresponding to said domain, as recited in claim 1.

Siddiqui also fails to teach or suggest, *inter alia*, a memory having previously stored therein information regarding a plurality of wireless communication systems, each corresponding to a particular communication area; and a selection unit to select a first wireless communication system from said memory corresponding to a communication area associate with the current position of the wireless terminal, as recited in claim 11.

Siddiqui also fails to teach or suggest, *inter alia*, storing, in a memory, information regarding a plurality of wireless communication systems, each corresponding to a particular

communication area where a plurality of different communication areas are stored in said memory, as recited in claim 15.

Sykas is provided to teach the above claimed features absent in Siddiqui's teachings. Applicants respectfully submit that Sykas teaches a mobile communication system that can initiate and receive calls in any location. The operation of the mobile device is achieved by checking for various operations that would provide access to the mobile phone at the present location of the mobile phone. A selection of an operator from the scanned available operators is made to establish the communication connection. In particular, Sykas teaches creating two stored lists. The first list is a user preference list (UPL) and the second list is an available operators list (AOL). The user preference list is a list of preferred providers while the available operators list is a list created at the present location of the mobile device of all the available operators. The mobile terminal will scan the area from its present location to determine the available operators and create the available operators list. From the available operators list, the comparison is made with the user preference list and a selection is made based on the most preferred operator. See sections 3.2 and 3.3 of Sykas.

Thus, in Sykas, an operators list is created for the specific area in which the mobile terminal is located. This list is compared to a preferred list of operators for the mobile terminal. Information regarding the available operators is created during the roaming operation at the present location of the mobile terminal, it is not previously stored. Further, the stored operation information concerns only the current area which the mobile terminal covers. Information pertaining to a plurality of different domains or communication areas is not stored, let alone

communication information relating to each of the domains or communication areas as provided in embodiments of the present invention.

Thus, applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Siddiqui and Sykas fails to teach each and every feature of the independent claims as required. Further, Halminen and Kimoto fail to make up for the deficiencies of Siddiqui and Sykas. Dependent claims 2-10 and 12-14 are likewise distinguishable over the cited art for the above reasons as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-15 are distinguishable over the cited art. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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